

# Bowdens Silver Project

My name is Lisa Austin and my husband Lee Patsky and I own the property referred to as R36. I am writing today to state my objections to the Bowdens Silver Project as outlined below.

## PERSONAL CONSIDERATIONS

Our desire to purchase this property in March 2016 (just prior to Bowdens taking it over), was based on our love for the Lue village and wanting a tree change from the city. We purchased the property with the view to move to Lue permanently and to build our forever home on the property. For the past 4 years we have had to put this plan on hold while we wait for further news on the likelihood of the mine going ahead. We no longer feel comfortable with our plan due to the proximity of our property to the mine and especially the tailings dam. I do not feel comfortable raising our now 2 year old daughter in these conditions where we will be effected 24/7 by noise, traffic, dust and the potential contamination.

I am highly concerned that we will not get a fair value for our property based on the undesirable proximity to the mine and this will throw our financial security into jeopardy. It would also distress me to not be able to fulfil our dreams of a happy and healthy life in Lue where we have built many great relationships within the community.

## NOISE

I object to the Bowdens Silver Project as our property will be one of the properties most affected by the noise created from the construction and everyday running of the mine. Noise will come from the construction of the plant, the relocation and construction of Maloney's Rd and then from the everyday running of the mine and the 24/7 use of Maloney's Rd. We are wanting to move from the city to the country for the peace and quiet, this will not be the case once the mine starts construction.

## WATER

I am concerned about the contamination of our tank water from the dust created from the mine. This is our only source of water for our house and if it is contaminated this could have severely detrimental effects on our health.

I am also concerned about the potential for contamination of the Lawsons Creek as it is a vital part of our environment. Of other concern is the 2m draw down on underground water on our property, this will greatly affected the water table in the area.

## TRAFFIC

There will be a significant increase in the amount of traffic in the area. My main concern is the noise created from the many vehicles travelling along the new Maloney's Rd each day to and from the mine, both cars, buses and trucks. Also of concern is the amount of traffic that will be travelling through the village to access the mine via Pyangle Rd. The drive to Mudgee will also be significantly affected due to the number of large trucks driving each day and I feel this will definitely impact the traffic going to and from Mudgee.

## TAILINGS DAM

I object to the Bowdens Silver Project due to the proximity of the tailings dam to our property. There will be substantial noise created by vehicles driving to and from the tailings dam as well as the potential for contamination from it. Once built, the dam will be there forever with no guarantees that it will hold forever or not cause contamination.

## WILDLIFE

Due to the severe bush fires that we faced over the summer of 2019/2020, there is the potential for a lot of new wildlife to come to the area after losing their habitat. The clearing of land for the mine along with the noise and pollution created by it, will lessen the likelihood of this happening.

## DUST

I am concerned about the effects that dust will have on our water tanks and our house. We spend a lot of time outside on our property and I feel the amount of dust could cause issues with our health and wellbeing as well as the need for extra cleaning of our outdoor areas.

I thank you for the opportunity to make this submission.

Lisa Austin